

Public Safety and Security: Isolation and Quarantine

- ♦ The response to a severe influenza pandemic might include isolation or quarantine of individuals.
- ♦ Isolation is a standard public health practice to prevent transmission of pandemic influenza by separating ill persons from those who have not been exposed.
- ♦ Quarantine is a contact management strategy that separates individuals who have been exposed to infection but are not yet ill from those who have not been exposed.
- ♦ The States are primarily responsible for quarantine within their borders, and the Federal Government has statutory authority to order a quarantine.
- ♦ The Federal Government will:
 - Provide Governors with specific information on processes for obtaining Federal law enforcement and military assistance
 - Ensure that Federal law enforcement agencies and the military have the necessary plans to assist States with law enforcement and related activities should the need arise

